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SUBJECT: GREECE AND NATO LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM

1. IN CONVERSATION JANUARY 9, FOREIGN MINISTRY NATO DEPART-
MENT OFFICER TOLD EMBASSY POL-MIL OFFICER THAT GOT HAD
STRENUOUSLY BUT QUIETLY PROTESTED TO SECRETARY-GENERAL LUNS
ABOUT RELEASE OF TURKISH DEFENSE PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE
(DPQ) DATA TO GREEK NATO MISSION LAST NOVEMBER. MFA OFFICIAL
SAID THAT, CONTRARY TO SPECIFIC UNDERSTANDING THAT TURKISH
DPQ DATA WAS NOT TO BE RELEASED TO NON-MEMBERS OF NATO MILITARY
COMMAND STRUCTURE, LOW-RANKING NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF OFFICER
SENT GREEKS THE TEXT OF THE TURKISH DPQ SUBMISSION. SUBSE-
QUENTLY, AMBASSADOR KIRCA MADE LOW-KEY PROTEST TO LUNS, ACCORDING
TO MFA OFFICIAL, AND SAID THAT LEAKAGE OF TURKISH DEFENSE
DATA TO GREEKS--EVEN IF AN ADVERTENT--WAS GOOD REASON
FOR GOT TO LIMIT GREEK PARTICIPATION IN LONG-TERM DEFENSE
PROGRAM (LTDP). LUNS REPORTEDLY RESPONDED THAT TURKISH
DOCUMENT HAD BEEN ROUTED VMO GREEK MISSION BY NEW AND INEX-
PERIENCED STAFF OFFICER NOT FAMILIAR WITH DISTRIBUTION
RESTRICTIONS AND PROMISED THAT STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN TO ENSURE
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THAT SUCH AN INCIDENT DID NOT OCCUR AGAIN.

2. STRESSING THAT GOT DOES NOT WISH TO BLOCK GREEK-
RE-ENTRY INTO MILITARY WING OF THE ALLIANCE, MFA OFFICIAL
CITED ABOVE EXAMPLE OF DIFFICULTY GOT HAS IN KEEPING GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS AND POLITICIANS IN ANKARA INCLINED TOWARD MAINTAINING
FULL TURKISH PARTICIPATION IN NATO. EVEN THE TURKISH MILITARY,

HE SAID, IS WONDERING WHETHER NATO CAN BE COUNTED UPON TO RESPECT TURKISH SENSITIVITIES (AND DEFENSE INFORMATION) UNTIL THE "GREEK PROBLEM" IS IRONED OUT. NEVERTHELESS, HE CONCLUDED, THE GOT WAS PREPARED IN THE INTEREST OF ALLIANCE HARMONY TO "GIVE IN" TO THE OTHER ALLIES REGARDING GREEK PARTICIPATION IN THE LTDP BUT GOT WOULD ENERGETICALLY SEEK TO ENFORCE THE TERMS OF GREEK LIAISON.
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